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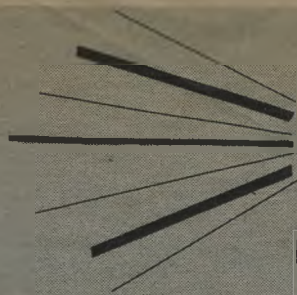
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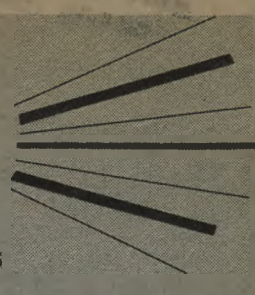




THE OHIO

# INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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## New Pastor At Bedford Church



Rev. Bruce Clark

Rev. Bruce Clark accepted the call to Pastor the Bible Baptist Church of Bedford, Ohio. Pastor Clark began his ministry at Bedford on January 15, 1978.

Pastor Clark graduated from Sandusky High School in Sandusky, Ohio and was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Sandusky. He then graduated from Practical Bible Training School

of Johnson City, New York and attended the Baptist Bible Seminary also located in Johnson City, New York.

Pastor Clark was active in various kinds of christian work for several years and entered the pastoral ministry in 1965. After eight and one-half years of fruitful ministry in Owego, New York, he moved to Shelburne, Vermont to assume Pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Shelburne and the Directorship of the Greater Burlington Christian School. He served as Pastor there for three and one-half years.

His wife, Sandra, attended Bob Jones University and the Practical Bible Training School. The Clarks have a married daughter in Vermont, two sons (Bruce and Jerry), who were recently seniors at Maranatha Bible Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin. They also have two daughters, Sara, 12, and Becky, 11.

The members of the Bible Baptist Church of Bedford, Ohio are praying for the Lord's blessing on the work here under the Pastorate of Brother Clark.

## Elyria Church Purchases New Land

The trustees of the First Baptist Church, 176 Washington Avenue, Elyria, Ohio (Rev. Willis Hull, Pastor), have filed final papers purchasing 33.5 acres of land at the junction of LaGrange Road and Route 10. The property, located 3.5 miles from the center of town, will make way for expansion of the ministry of First Baptist Church and First Baptist Christian School. The land has been known for years as the Parks property. About 25 acres are open field, with the remaining land partially wooded. The Black River forms the western boundary.

More than 25 years ago, the congregation purchased the property on Washington Avenue where church and Christian education facilities were built. About 15 years ago, a two-story educational wing was erected adjoining the back of the buildings. Most recently, the land along the river was leveled and seeded for use as a recreation field and picnic facilities.

Pastor Hull explains that future plans include the sale of the three acres on Washington Avenue and the erecting of a church/school complex on the new property. The Sunday School, Awana, and Christian school will use the classroom/gymnasium/athletic field and the sanctuary will accommodate the congregation.

Further development of the property will possibly include a senior citizen community, a day camp, and other related ministries.

During the six years in which Pastor Hull has pastored the church, the general budget of the church has increased by more than 40 percent, and the missionary budget by nearly 80 percent. Two years ago, the First Baptist Christian School was started with grades Kindergarten through 12. The school employs 13 full-time teachers and provides a traditional Christian curriculum.

Mr. Glen Carey, 38871 Sugar Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio, is chairman of the building committee.

**Total giving to  
R & R  
to date  
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Churches giving in February, 1978  
First Baptist - Medina  
Lakeview Baptist - Dundee  
Litchfield Baptist  
Brown St. Baptist - Akron  
First Baptist - Galion  
Immanuel Baptist - Columbus

## "R and R" Fund

by Lawrence G. Fetzer

For a man of God who has poured forth his life in the ministry, the period of retirement can be, and should be, a delightful time of life. In writing to an aged friend, Oliver Wendell Holmes expressed himself both tactfully and beautifully. "To be seventy years young may be far better than to be forty years old."

In our state fellowship we have two dear brothers who have served the Lord faithfully, and the churches of our fellowship loyally over the years. Brother Earl Umbaugh has served as our state missionary for over sixteen years; Brother Don Moffat has been editor of our Ohio Independent Baptist Paper for over eleven years. Each of these men is approaching the age of retirement. That does not mean they have yet come to the place where they are ready to say as Paul said, "I have finished my course." They are both still vigorous in strength and exceedingly youthful in outlook. They are both anxious to continue to be used of the Lord in His service.

Yet it would not be fair nor reasonable to expect them to maintain the heavy schedule of work imposed by their official positions in our state fellowship. They deserve the freedom to be able to say that they are ready to go into a retirement ministry. By their long and loyal years of service to our fellowship, they have earned the right to a retirement free from financial worry.

It is for this purpose that your Council of 12 has established the "R and R Fund." This stands for "Reserve and Retirement." It is to be a fund collected by contributions from the churches of the state fellowship, to be held in reserve for the retirement days of these two brothers.

Business, industry, and government have taken long strides in providing adequate retirement income for their employees. Should we in the Lord's work do any less? Our goal is to raise a substantial amount of money -- at least \$20 - \$25,000 dollars to be used to provide an adequate retirement income for these men. This is not at all out of reach if each church gave only the small amount of \$100. towards this fund. This would put us within range of our goal. Shouldn't your church have a part?

## Plan Now To At '78 Men's Retreat

The Annual MEN'S RETREAT will be held this year - May 18 through 20 at SKYVIEW RANCH. It runs from 4:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon the 18th through Saturday at 1:00 p.m. on the 20th.

All sorts of activities available. Every man can have a great time! There is the swimming pool, Tetherball, Horseshoe tourneys, trap shooting competition, a ping pong tournament, rifles, archery, horseback riding, basketball, softball, volleyball, golf course nearby, canoeing and even more!

You won't want to miss out on the delicious food! It tastes great and there will be plenty of it!

Guest speakers are Rev. Austin Plew, President of Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions and Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, Medical missionary to Assam, India under Baptist Mid-Missions. Both men are most interesting speakers. Your soul will be fed!

To register: Send \$5.00 to SKYVIEW RANCH, Route 6 - Box 115, Millersburg, Ohio - 44654 or (216) 674-7511. It is not too early to register - NOW. Make all checks payable to SKYVIEW RANCH. Men - plan on attending. You'll be glad you did!!

## Honored For Faithful Service

Recently the members of the First Baptist Church in Valley City, Ohio honored Mr. and Mrs. Odis Lyon for their faithful service unto the Lord.

Brother Lyon has served as deacon of the church since it was established in 1967. He also has been a faithful usher throughout these years.

His wife, Virginia, has served in numerous positions: teaching, singing in the choir and as church treasurer for five years.

Brother Wiltheiss, pastor of the Valley City church, recognized Mr. and Mrs. Lyons for their faithfulness in attendance - Sunday following Sunday and mid-week meetings, too. Brother Wiltheiss said, "They are folk you can count on to be in every service, Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday Prayer Service. To my knowledge they have never taken a vacation in these ten years."

A beautiful wood plaque engraved with "Lo, I am with you always, Jesus" was presented to "the Lyons" during the morning Worship Hour.



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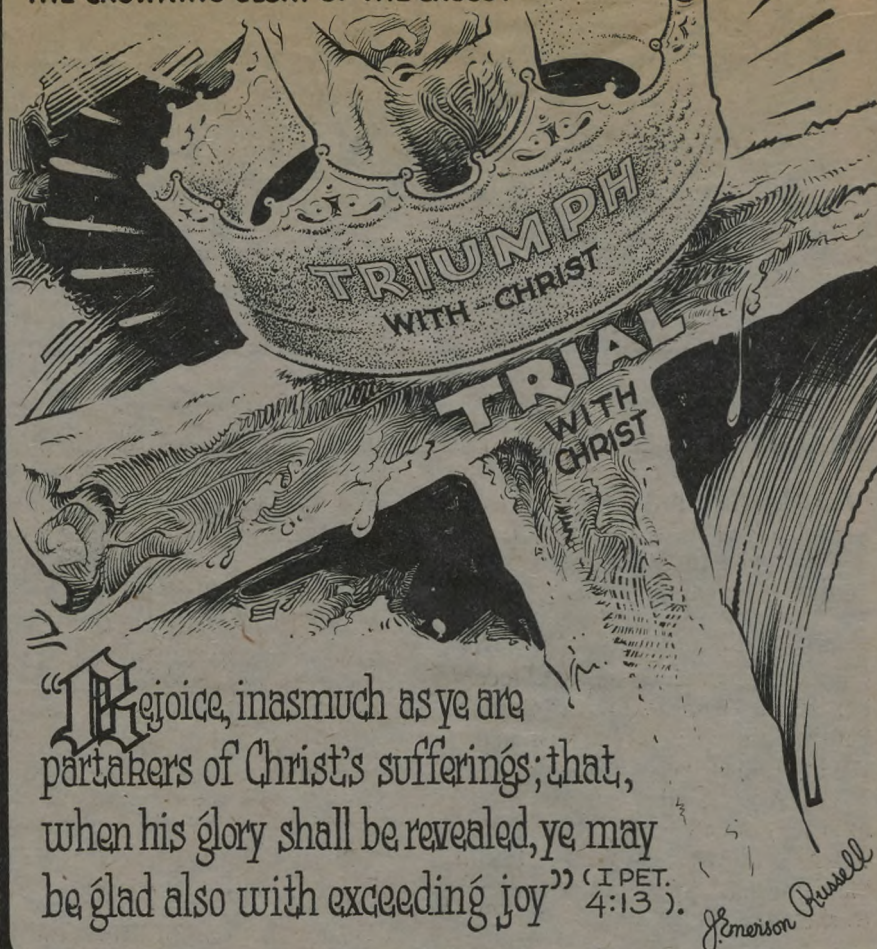
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### THE CROWNING GLORY OF THE CROSS!



The Rev. J. Emerson Russell, artist-preacher, and former art director at Cedarville College, is now available for Bible Conferences. He may be addressed at 4 Tecumseh Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

## A Word From Your Editor. . . .

Since the first of the year, your editor and his wife have been very much on the go! Our first meeting was on New Year's Day (your editor's birthday - tsk tsk) in the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Ohio. It was good fellowshiping with Pastor and Mrs. John Greening. We've been close friends for years and years. In grace, the Lord is blessing the work at the Bowling Green Church.

In January, I ministered in Alaska - at Homer, Eagle River and Palmer. Alaska is a beautiful state and fellowshiping with the believers proved to be a time of blessing and great joy. The Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries work so well together. Churches are being established! While I (Don) was in Alaska, Lois spent the time with her mother and dad - Dr. and Mrs. Ketcham - in Chicago, Illinois.

I had planned on flying from Anchorage to Chicago but O'Hare field was closed down due to a blizzard. Instead, I flew directly to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Lois flew up from Chicago on Sunday afternoon and together we ministered at the Blaine Baptist Church, Minneapolis.

Our next meeting was in Pataskala, Ohio. This work is being pastored by Rev. Kenneth Romig and his wife, Ethel. It was thrilling to see what is being done by this group. Surrounding churches helped in the meetings. There were folk there from Baltimore, Newark, Columbus and Lancaster. The closing service saw the church filled to capacity. In grace, the Lord spoke to hearts - He blessed throughout! The Romigs, too, are dear friends of the Moffats. Fellowshiping with them and their people proved a blessing to our hearts.

As of this writing (2/13/78) we are in Merrillville, Indiana. Yesterday (Sunday) we had a beautiful day. Attendance was very good and the Spirit of the Lord spoke to hearts. Presently, it is snowing hard! This has been a difficult winter. The weathermen all said it was to be mild. They were wrong!

We wish to say thanks to the many who pray for us. Please take note of our schedule which appears in this issue. We ask for protection as we travel and wisdom as we declare His Word. It is good serving Him!!!

## Your Editor's Schedule. . .

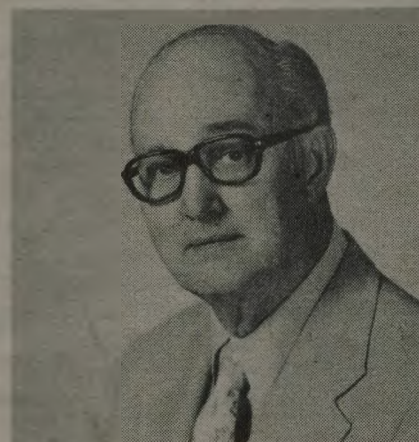
Mar. 5-10 Bucyrus, Ohio-Lighthouse Baptist Church  
Mar. 12-17 York, Penna.-North Hills Bible Church  
Mar. 19-22 Lockport, New York-Ridge Road Union Church  
Mar. 26-31 Gallipolis, Ohio-Faith Baptist Church  
April 2 North Tonawanda, New York-First Baptist Church  
Apr. 6-8 Ankeny, Iowa-Faith Baptist Bible College  
Apr. 9-16 Rantoul, Illinois-Bible Baptist Church

Apr. 18-20 Martin, South Dakota-Northern Plains Assoc. of Reg. Baptist Churches  
Apr. 23-28 Spearfish, South Dakota-First Baptist Church  
Apr. 30-May 5 Cody, Wyoming-Grace Baptist Church  
May 7-10 Rapid City, South Dakota-Tabernacle Baptist Church  
May 11-14 Upton, Wyoming-First Baptist Church  
May 21 - 24 Dundee, Ohio - Lakeview Baptist Church;  
May 28-June 2 Mt. Pleasant, Ind. Baptist Church

## Faith Baptist Bible College News

### YOUTH CONFERENCE

"We Dare Not. . . Compare" from II Corinthians 10:12 is the theme for this year's Youth Conference at Faith Baptist Bible College from April 6-8. Centering on the believer's acceptance of himself, the theme is aimed to challenge young people to see themselves as God sees them.



Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat

Rev. A. Donald Moffat is the guest speaker for the Conference. He is an evangelist and the editor of the Ohio Independent Baptist paper. Rev. Moffat has much experience working with young people. His messages will center on the theme "We Dare Not Compare".

Other features of the Youth Conference include a special drama presentation of "The Criminal's Conscience," campus chats, a semi-formal banquet and the film "Yoneko," a true story of a 16-year old girl searching for meaning in life. The cost of these action-packed days is only \$15. Five dollars is to accompany the registration form. Those who do not pre-

register must bring \$18. The registration deadline is MARCH 31.

Since the young people are coming to observe college life, they are expected to abide by the dress code (suits or sport coats and ties for guys and dresses for gals), attend classes and keep the dorm hours.

Jan Durham, senior from Kansas City, Kansas, and Stan Lightfoot, senior from Marine City, Michigan, are co-chairmen of the Youth Conference Committee of students. They have worked together to design a program of interest to the high school juniors, seniors and post graduates who are invited to come.

### NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Robert Clater of Spencerville, Ohio, has joined the FBBC faculty to teach Christian Education subjects. Two part-time faculty have also been added. Larry Abbott, a CBF missionary under Baptist Mid-Missions, is teaching Campus Evangelism and Missionary Amateur Radio. Gerrit Buining, missionary to the Jews under Baptist Mid-Missions, is teaching Jewish Evangelism.

### NEW CATALOGS AVAILABLE

The new 1978-1979 compact catalog is now available upon request. This miniature catalog is designed to give an overview of the courses and programs available at FBBC.

The 1978-1980 catalog with detailed program and course descriptions has an application blank included. Send your requests for either catalog in care of the Development Department.

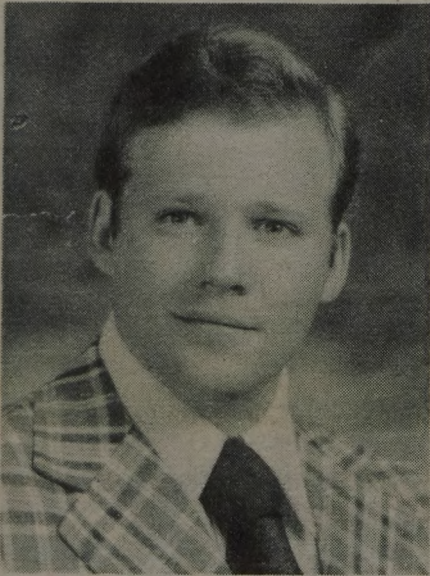
The Registrar's Office also reports that it is not too early for prospective students to begin application procedures for next fall's semester.



## Two Men Ordained At Temple Baptist Church

An Ordination Council, comprised of Portsmouth area Baptist pastors, met for a luncheon at Temple Baptist Church on Friday, December 16. Following the luncheon, the council met with the two ministerial candidates, John Collins and Paul Fields for a time of questioning. The council unanimously recommended that the candidates be ordained to the Gospel Ministry. The council further commended them for their deportment, appearance and knowledge of the Bible.

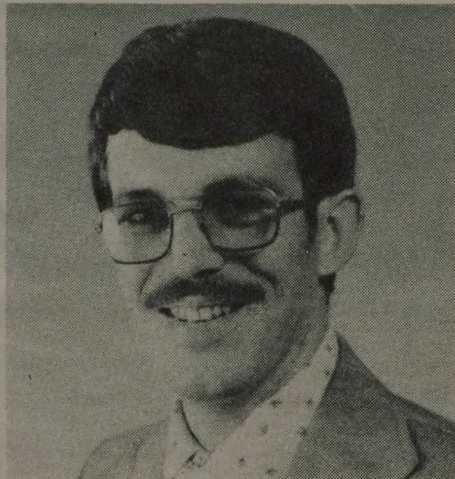
The Ordination Service was conducted on Sunday evening, December 18, at Temple Baptist Church. Paul's father, veteran missionary, David Fields who is home from Togo, West Africa was a member of the council and preached the charge to the candidate. Pastor Max Sidders preached the charge to the church.



Rev. John Collins

John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Collins, Sr. of 1133 28th Street, is a 1972 graduate of West Portsmouth High School. He

graduated from Grand Rapids Baptist College in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1976 with the Bachelor of Religious Education Degree. John did one year of graduate work at Temple Baptist Theological Seminary in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is presently a full-time employee of Temple Baptist Church, working in the areas of Children's Ministry, Bus Ministry, Visitation and various Pastoral responsibilities.



Rev. Paul Fields

Paul, the son of Rev. and Mrs. David Fields, was born in Africa. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Tennessee Temple College and a Master's Degree in Religious Education from Temple Baptist Theological Seminary, both in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Paul, his wife, Marla, and their two daughters, Michelle and Jenna are Missionary Appointees to Paraguay, South America under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. After completing their deputation work, they will spend about a year in language school in Texas. Following language school, they will set sail for four years of service as missionaries in Paraguay.

Pastor Max Sidders was elected moderator of the ordination proceedings. Rev. John Waldon, Minister of Youth and Visitation at Temple was elected Secretary of the Council

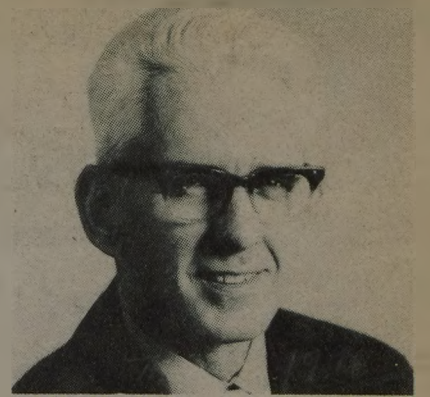
## Concerning Informissions 1978

Dear Pastor:

INFORMISSIONS '78

It's great!

Theme: Jesus Christ is Lord!



Dr. Henry Osborn

Did you know that INFORMISSIONS will be holding its third national conference during the Christmas school break, December 27 - 31? This nationwide conference, sharing information about missions, will be held again on the campus of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary.

Did you know that any college age young person should be encouraged to attend the conference? The young person need not be a student in college or need not be already committed to a missionary career. Many from the national INFORMISSIONS conferences of 1974 and 1976 are now applying for career missionary service.

Did you know that the Board of INFORMISSIONS has mission board, college, seminary and pastoral representation from the separatist, fundamental, premillennial Baptist groups who are speaking out today? The nineteen board members are all active in their own full time responsibilities - stretching themselves under God's leading to encourage the sharing of information and challenge about missions.

Did you know that it is already time to encourage the college students and others of this age group in your church to plan now for year end attendance at INFORMISSIONS '78?

Sincerely in Christ,

Henry Osborn, Ph.D.

Chairman, Board of INFORMISSIONS

Professor of Linguistics and Missions, Grand Rapids Baptist College & Seminary  
Language consultant to Baptist Mid-Missions.

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## Present With The Lord

Just before sending our copy to the printer for our MARCH Issue, we learned concerning the "home-going" of our friend and brother - Dr. Paul Cell.

As of this writing, we have very little information. We do know that he had not been well for quite some time. We understand that the funeral service was held at the First Baptist Church in Willowick, Ohio. We believe Dr. Cell was used of the Lord to begin this work and that he pastored it for quite a few years. The present pastor is Rev. Bernard Flanagan.

### DON'T FORGET!!

#### TALENTS FOR CHRIST

The Place Cedarville College  
Date April 8, 1978  
Time 1 P.M. through 5 P.M.

Registration fees \$3 are to be sent to:

Mr. Dan Cecil  
c/o Calvary Baptist Church  
2000 Broad Ave.  
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Due date March 29 for Registrations

Our brother was a faithful warrior for the Lord. He was most active both in the American Council of Christian Churches and in the International Council of Christian Churches. He was an able Bible teacher.

The Lord willing, in our APRIL issue, we hope to have further to say concerning him and his work for the Lord. His was a life of service!

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# Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

## "Feed The Birds"

In our area we have a weather-man who usually closes his reports during the winter, especially when the ground is snow covered, with these words, "Don't forget to feed the birds." Every time he says this I'm reminded of our Savior's words in Matthew 6:26 "Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barn; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" "... shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith. ... "Matthew 6:30.

Yes, God can use you and me in His manner of caring for His feathered creatures. Then "shall He not much more clothe you? ... feed You?" How He does it we are to leave with Him.

In our present way of life we are never free of the encroachments, the lures, to be concerned about the things of this life. Our ears are filled with items 'We need'. Our eyes are lured by TV advertisements. Our mail boxes are filled with pictures of the best bargains of things 'you just can't get along without'. If it does not come in the line of clothes and food, it will come on the line of money or the lack of it. Or the way to have good health or that which will destroy it. Unless we allow God through His Word and His Holy Spirit to raise up a standard against it, these things will come in like a flood.

"Take no thought for your life", Jesus said. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness. ..." Matthew 6:33a - and God will provide your feathers! Like the lilies 'grow where you are planted!'. Day by day dedicate yourself to God. It must be a continual separating of oneself to "consider" God every day of ones life.

Do not for one moment think that He does not know or understand. "Your heavenly father knoweth that ye have need of these things". "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.

Let us keep our minds fixed upon the "how much more" our heavenly father will clothe and feed us.

## West Moriah

### W.M.U. Fellowship

The ladies of the West Moriah Women's Missionary Fellowship gathered at Stan's Restaurant in Columbus, Ohio at noon on Thursday, February 9th. The theme for this dinner was - "Willing Hearts In Love". Table decorations carried out the Valentine's Day motif. There were approximately 70 present for this time of fellowship. Guest speaker was Mrs. Mildred Bryant, a former BMM missionary to Africa but now working in "Judeo-Christian Relationships" in Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Ben Jennings (Faith Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ohio) President of the West Moriah WMU Fellowship conducted the meeting. Special music was presented by

## Summer Vacation

Include the National G.A.R.B.C. Conference in your SUMMER VACATION plans. Our Conference provides Children's Sessions and Nursery is also provided while you enjoy the challenging messages from the Word of God. Watch the Baptist Bulletin and later issues of the O.I.B. for detail concerning housing, Speakers, etc. The dates and place are al-

Marcia Kindig. The ladies chose as their project to raise \$500 which will go toward the erecting of the McKeever/Steed Memorial Chapel at Scioto Hills Camp.

The next meeting is to be held on May 16 at the Clintonville Baptist Church. Guest speaker for that occasion will be Mrs. Quentin Kenoyer (BMM-India).

## OARBC Women's Missionary Union Spring Valley

The OARBC Women's Missionary Union Spring Rally will be held at the GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, 705 Graham Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio on April 18th (10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.).

A very interesting day has been planned for you Ohio ladies. The theme-"LABORERS TOGETHER" (I Cor. 3:9) means just that. We need YOU to join us in the labor of our Ohio Women's joint efforts of service, fellowship and prayer for our Lord's ministry in Ohio and the far reaches. This RALLY we will be focusing on a ministry to children who cannot care for themselves and who need Christian love and care. Our speaker will be Rev. Donald Worch, of the Baptist Children's Home, Kouts, Indiana. We are hoping you ladies will respond in bringing in some supplies needed for the home. Staples, canned foods (no home canned, please) and things useable in any home are used there.

OUR DIME OFFERING WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE SWORD BEARERS STUDENT GROUP at Cedarville College. Please mail any advance funds you may have on hand to Mrs. Lois Russell, Route 6, Millersburg, Ohio - 44654 and bring in any that you have collected for the rally on April 18th.

eady finalized so you can begin to set your plans in motion.

June 26 - 30, 1978  
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

Extend your time to include a seven day CRUISE on the Norwegian Caribbean Line, Skyward, from Miami. Cruising is the nearest thing to a perfect vacation! Once aboard a cruise liner you enter another world -- a world far removed from everyday routine, highway traffic and factory smokestacks. Enjoy the invigorating sea air; strolling on promenade decks after dinner; God's handiwork in starry southern skies; watching the glistening, shimmering moonlight in the wake of the ship; and being gently cradled to sleep. --- (July 1-8, 1978)

After this restful time travel back to "The Wonderful World Of Ohio" with a day's stopover at Disney World. (See ad for details about enrolling in Cruise)

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The Graham Road Church ladies in co-operation with the ladies from the Brown Street Church are already at work planning to make this day a real treat to all who are able to attend. Baby and Toddler Nurseries will be provided. (You will be responsible for your own during lunch time.) A room with free coffee and tea will be provided for any who will be bringing their own sack lunch. A list of near-by restaurants will be on hand where you can find your way quickly if you wish to purchase your lunch out.

A Book Table will be made available by the Good News Center Bookstore which is located nearby.

COME WITH CARLOADS - COME EXPECTING A BLESSING - COME WITH A DISPLAY OF SOME OF YOUR WHITE CROSS OR WORK PROJECTS - COME PRAYING FOR THE DAY AND ITS BENEFITS.

## Women's Retreats OARBC

SCIOTO HILLS RETREAT  
September 7 - 9, 1978  
Cost \$15.00

Chairman:

Mrs. Wanda Norris

Send reservation fee of \$5.00 by September 1st to

Registrar:

Mrs. Sandy Mays

Rte. 8 - Lunbeck Road

Chillicothe, Ohio - 45601

Phone: (614) 663-5233

SKYVIEW RANCH No. 1 RETREAT  
September 14 - 16, 1978  
Cost \$20.00

Chairman:

Mrs. Lucy Wright

Send reservation fee of \$5.00 by September 8th to

Registrar:

(to be announced later)

PATMOS RETREAT  
September 14 - 16, 1978  
Cost \$18.00

Chairman:

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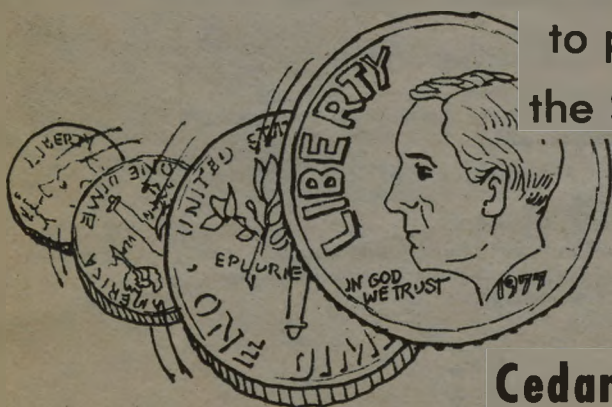
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Dr. John Balyo once said, "If you don't have the truth, life can be shaped by error." If we carry this same principle over into missions, what a sad situation it reflects. Millions upon millions of people are groping about in the darkness of sin simply because they do not have the light of the gospel to show them the way. To think that countless numbers are building their nest in a tree marked for the axe. How we should be challenged by these sobering thoughts to go to any length to spread the blessed story of Jesus and His love to a lost and dying world.

With this in mind we turn to the ministry of our Regular Baptist approved mission agencies. **FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTISTS FOR HOME MISSIONS** shares with us quotes from mission churches.

"Property is needed. . . A new building is a necessity. . . Additional space is required." These are good signs and the mission's Church Buildings Committee has been able to assist a number of churches in Houston, Texas, Visalia, California; Davenport, Iowa; Londonderry, New Hampshire; Columbus, Ohio - to mention a few. At present there are approved applications of approximately \$300,000 for funds in this church-planting and development program. The Church Buildings Committee encourages the prayers of the Lord's people for this vital missions outreach.

**ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM** writes of a wonderful achievement. Over ten years ago in the tiny, crowded land of Bangladesh, God placed a burden upon the hearts of A.B.W.E. missionaries. They found that the only available Bible for that nation of 80 million people was in a language so difficult that it was practically unusable. They recognized that it is very difficult to evangelize or build a strong church without the availability of the Word of God.

A priority project was thus undertaken to produce a common-language Bengali New Testament. Miss Lynn Silvernale was the chief translator, assisted by several other missionaries and some Bengali helpers. So much transpired to interfere and block this work, including much sickness and even a revolution. But now the goal has been met. The endless sessions of checking and rechecking have been finished. In early 1978 the printing was done. Soon into the hands of the ordinary citizen of Bangladesh will be placed that Sword of the Spirit that we hold so dearly.

Special interest in this project was taken by the young men and women of the Informissions Conference of 1976. They made a sizeable contribution to this particular project. Their efforts have surely been rewarded.

Using the common-language Bengali New Testament as a base, A.B.W.E. missionaries Dr. and Mrs. Viggo Olsen are now producing a version of the New Testament in a form of Bengali specially adapted for Muslims. This again is a giant undertaking.

A.B.W.E. missionaries are meeting a tremendous challenge - the Word of God for those 80 million souls!

From the headquarters of **EVANGELICAL BAPTIST MISSIONS** comes the report of a time of fellowship with their MK's. In a special get-together December 27 through January 1st, fifty-seven mission personnel, including forty-one MK's, met at Deer Creek Baptist Camp in Indiana for this blessed reunion. A program included games, photo seminar with E.B.M.'s Harvest production producer, Dan Ross, and messages from Rev. Joseph Stowell, III, pastor of the Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, Indiana, and Rev. J. O. Purcell, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, Romeoville, Illinois. Of course, one cannot overlook the culinary delights of the roast beef dinner, ham, lasagna, etc. As the happy faces of the MK's reflected their joy, they also indicated the great potential they represented for Christ. They are the future's missionaries, pastors, teachers, housewives, parents, etc. Let's pray for these young people and provide them with all the spiritual and physical help that we can give.

Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, Medical Director of **BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS**, gives us some very challenging thoughts. He writes,

"What happens when those who love the Word and are ready to stand for its truth rise to oppose the tide of liberalism? Many reading this can remember the struggle, pangs of heartache and even hardship that resulted when they took such a stand. Today nestled in the hills of Assam, India, there are scores of American Baptist Convention Churches. Some of these churches are over 100 years old. But the move away from the truth has not been contained in the USA; it has spread like a cancer, even to the far-flung mission areas and the churches planted there.

"Last November several of our Indian leaders with Pastor Promode Malakar visited the Rongmer Church in West Manipur State. This church of 150 members voted to join the Fellowship of Baptist Churches of Northeast India, thereby severing all relations with the American Baptist Convention. Six other local church leaders were attending that meeting as representatives from their own churches. It will not be long until those churches will also "come out from among them and be . . . separate." Convention leaders are very disturbed about this move and have sent strong warnings, even threats. Yet these Baptists who are holding to the Word have experienced opposition before and are used to standing for the Lord. Pray for the more than FIFTY Regular Baptist Churches there in Assam, India, as they stand for the TRUTH of the WORD."

In closing, I would like to quote Dr. Don Jennings from his 1976 Informissions message. He said, "If you can be anything else other than a missionary and be in the center of God's will for your life, do not be a missionary. . . ."

## Baptist Bible College Of Clarks Summit News

### SPRING THEOLOGY NIGHT

Dr. John Benson, a member of the faculty of Baptist Bible School of Theology, Clarks Summit, will discuss "A Re-evaluation of the Mystery Form of the Kingdom," March 14, at the Spring semester Theology Night. Dr. Benson plans to trace the origin of the view which sees the parables of Matthew 13 as an introduction of a kingdom in mystery form. He will present the teachings of this viewpoint and the basis upon which it is built. He will then discuss what he believes "the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven" in Matthew 13:11 means and when it will be fully and finally fulfilled.

The Theology Night presentations, held in the Student Center, are open to all aspiring theologians, pastors, and interested lay people.

### MUSICAL MINISTRIES

While the major share of some 900 students take a spring break, two musical groups from Baptist Bible College will leave the Clarks Summit campus March 15 for an eleven day tour to churches and Christian schools in five states.

The Concert Choir, a 50-voice group and a brass quintet under the direction of Mr. Gilbert Haglin, will sing and play in Pennsylvania the first four days of their trip before going southward to Maryland and Virginia. On March 21 they will swing back to the Keystone State for a concert in Erie and will move on to Cedar Hill Baptist, Cleveland, the 22nd for the evening.

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Both groups are known for their outstanding musical performances and their love for the Lord. We encourage the O.I.B. readers to note the three dates in Ohio and to attend the performance in their geographical areas.

### SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Mr. William E. McDonald, Director of Summer School at Baptist Bible College and School of Theology, announced the dates and courses offered for 1978. The College lists a choice of twenty-three subjects to be taught May 15 - 26 and the School of Theology is offering four courses that first session.

Sixteen courses are planned for the second session, May 29-June 9, in the College and three in the School of Theology. This summer the School of Theology will conduct a third session, August 7 - 11, with Dr. Henry Morris of the Institute of Creation Research instructing.

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## ACROSS THE STATE

### AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held two Valentine Banquets this year. One for our Senior High and College young people on February 11. Brother Don Krueger, Minister of Music at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio was the guest speaker. The other banquet was for our adults and was held on February 18. Special guests were Mark and Betty Pope from Grand Rapids, Michigan. There was an outstanding presentation of vocal and instrumental music.

**ASHLAND, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Our Missionary Conference was held in February. Those taking part in the conference included Rev. Earl Umbaugh, Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, Dr. John Balyo and Rev. William Russell.

**ATHENS, SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Rev. Dave Douglass, missionary to Thailand, spoke here in January at one of our Wednesday night services. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat ministered here February 26 through March 3.

**BEDFORD, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Recent guest speakers include Rev. Leigh Adams and Dr. Robert Gilbert-both of Baptist Mid-Missions. Our new pastor, Rev. Bruce Clark, began his ministry here on January 15. A special reception was held on January 21st. We had a good time at our Valentine Banquet.

**BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Rev. William Russell, Administrator at Skyview Ranch spoke here on Sunday, January 8th. We are waiting on the Lord to lead us to the man of His choosing to be our pastor.

**BOWLING GREEN, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
The Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College Ladies Chorus is to be with us on April 2nd. Also, May 6 through May 8 we will be led in a Bible School Conference by Dr. and Mrs. Carl Elgena.

**CALDWELL, NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We appreciated having Dr. Cleveland McDonald of Cedarville College minister here a number of Sundays in December. His ministry always blesses our hearts.

**CANTON, PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Baptist Mid-Missions missionary, Rev. Richard W. Brosseau spoke at our Wednesday night "More Abundant" hour. He is a missionary to Korea.

**CEDARVILLE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
At Christmas time our choir presented a Christmas cantata. Recent guest speakers include Evangelist Paul Dixon and Dr. Gerald Smelser. April 16 through April 19 we will be having our Spring Bible Conference. Guest speaker at this time will be Dr. David Nettleton, President of Faith Baptist Bible College of Ankeny, Iowa.

**COLUMBUS, HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
On Tuesday evening, January 24th, we were privileged to have Brother Mike Coyle sing and play to the glory of God. His ministry was one of rich blessing!

**COLUMBUS, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
By action of the congregation, we have purchased another Dodge 15 passenger van. Brother Gary Storm, Director at Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp, spoke at our evening service-February 26th. Our pastor, Rev. Wm. Abernathy was guest speaker at the Memorial Baptist church when they had a reception for their new pastor-Rev. Carl Schultz. We are looking forward to a gospel concert by Dick Anthony and also a concert by the Chorales of Cedarville College.

**COLUMBUS, MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
At Christmas time, our choir presented the cantata-"Down From His Glory". We have been privileged for a number of services to sit under the ministry of Rev. James Grier of Cedarville College. This was while Pastor and Mrs. Brock were away ministering in Brazil, South America.

**DAYTON, COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We recently voted to call Mr. Ed. Babcock to be our Youth Director. Our congregation also voted to increase our missionary giving. A special gift of money was given to "the Larry Holmans" toward their airplane fund.

**DAYTON, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
In January, our pastor, Rev. Nile Fisher, spoke at the Park Lane Baptist Church in New Carlisle. Rev. Larry Armstrong, missionary to Australia, ministered here on February 12th. Added to our church membership this past year were 46. Our present membership is now 734. Our General Budget totals \$149,000. Also, our Missions Budget is \$46,800.

**DAYTON, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
We now have a new daily radio ministry. Our pastor, Rev. Lawrence Fetzter, can be heard Monday through Friday-8:00 to 8:15 A.M. over radio station WFCJ-FM. This is at 93.7 MHZ on the dial. Also, Pastor Fetzter is now bringing a series of messages on the Book of Ruth in our Sunday morning services.

**DEFIANCE, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Due to an unexpected blizzard, it was necessary that we cancel our annual Christmas banquet. We had a good time at our special New Years Day service at 9:00 P.M. We viewed the film-"In God We Trust".

**DELAWARE, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
The Director of our Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp-Brother Gary Storm-ministered here on January 22nd.

**DUNDEE, LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
It was a joy to have Joel and Pauline Kettenring be with us for our Women's Missionary Fellowship on February 14. On the 26th of February, "the Carl Thomason's" (BMM) were here to tell of the challenge of Alaska. The Lord willing we will be led in special meetings by Editor-Evangelist Don Moffat May 21 through 24.

**ELYRIA, ABBE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Our previous pastor, Rev. Carl Schultz, is now ministering at the Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. We have called a new pastor. He is Rev. James Turner and he began his ministry here on December 25th of last year.

**ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We held a special day of prayer on Sunday, January 1st. We called it our "Prayer Jubilee". Dr. Raymond Buck of Baptist Mid-Missions was guest speaker at our "Dads and Lads" missionary night. Missionary appointee, Bruce McDonald (ABWE) spoke here on February 12. Our Missionary Conference was held March 8 through 11 and we are looking forward to special evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Paul Dixon-April 16 through 23.

**FINDLAY, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
"Night Of Miracles" was the cantata which was presented by our choir. Our Christmas offering had been set at \$8,000, however, our people exceeded the goal and gave a total of \$12,459.89. This was distributed among our missionaries and also (in part) some went toward helping meet the expenses incurred (furnishings) for our Christian Life Center.

**GALLIPOLIS, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We appreciated the splendid work done by our choir at Christmas time when they presented the cantata-"Joy To The World". Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife, Lois, are to be with us for special meetings-March 26 through 31.

**GROVE CITY, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We were led in a special evangelistic crusade-February 12 through 17 by Evangelist Bruce Foster. Our brother served as former athletic director in Colorado and Tennessee. He writes the TEEN COLUMN in the "Sword Of The Lord".

**LANCASTER, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We were pleased to have Brother Gary Storm with us to tell us concerning the work at Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp. Our choir, along with Pastor and Mrs. Jennings, made a trip to Pataskala, Ohio. This was during the special meetings they were having with Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat. The choir sang at the Friday night service.

**LEMOYNE BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Brother Charles Alexander is our new pastor. The Lord is blessing his ministry. We recently had Gary Holtz of Campus Bible Fellowship and, also, Missionary appointee, Brother Tim Reiner. He is looking forward to serving the Lord in Brazil.

**LITCHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We were led in special evangelistic services by Evangelist Leland Connors. We praise the Lord for decisions made. We paid off our mortgage last August and are now looking forward to an Expansion Program in the near future. We rejoice in the steady growth we are experiencing. Pastor and Mrs. Shimp began their 16th year here on January 2nd. The church presented them with a gift for the pastor's library.

**MEDINA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
During January we were able to give "love gifts" to some 16 missionaries and also place the sum of \$1,000 in our OARBC R & F fund. In a period of three months we were able to present gifts totaling \$7,788. Our Current giving (budget) has been set at \$65,290. Our Missions giving (budget) at \$44,070 and our Building giving (budget) at \$15,600. We praise the Lord for His continued blessings! Rev. Bob Dyer ministered here on Sunday evening-February 12.

**NILES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
On January 29, missionary appointee, Mr. Harold Davis spoke here. We were led in a Bible Conference by Dr. Wilbur Welch, President, Grand Rapids Bible College. This was February 10, 11 and 12.

**NORTH MADISON, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
At our New Year's Eve Service, we viewed the film-"A Stranger in My Forest".

**NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
At one of our evening services we were privileged to hear missionary Leon Small tell of his work in Brazil. On January 29th, the service was conducted entirely by our young people. Brother Roger Loomis brought the message. We had a Church Family Night in February. Brother Gerhard Reznicek shared some of his pictures and experiences in the Holy Land.

**NORWALK, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We held a Valentine Banquet in February. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Banning of the Philippines (ABWE) were our speakers. Our church family held a reception for Al and Alice Schaechterle on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

**ORANGE VILLAGE, BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We enjoyed the singing of the "SOUNDS - ALIVE" singing group under the direction of Mr. Peter Kobe from the Blackhawk Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. At our Family Fellowship we viewed the film "Creation vs Evolution". Dr. Charles Hurst of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church told us of his summer in Bangladesh helping in the hospital located at Malumghat. The Moody Concert Band will minister here in March. Our Mother/Daughter banquet will be held April 14 and during May 7 through 14 we will be led in evangelistic meetings by Evangelist Larry Moyer.

**PAINESVILLE, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Back in November we had a Family Sunday in our Sunday School. Each member received a piece of a puzzle which was put together as people arrived. In December, we had Brother Charles Anderson tell us of his work in France. Rev. Gerald Smelser was our guest speaker on Christmas Day. The president of F.B.H.M. - Rev. Austin-Plew spoke here in late January.

**PATASKALA, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We were blessed through the ministry of Evangelist/Editor Don Moffat and his wife, Lois. They were with us for special meetings February 5 through 10. We appreciated those who attended the services and especially those who came from other OARB churches in the area. The meetings were very well attended and the Lord blessed hearts.

**PORTSMOUTH, TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Our youth group is now publishing a monthly "teen" newspaper which they call "THE YOUTH OBSERVER". On December 16, Brother Bob Murr (All-American from Tennessee Temple College) spoke at our Youth Christmas Banquet. We held a Farewell Fellowship for Dave and Elwanda Fields. They are ABWE missionaries headed for Togo, West Africa.

**SPRINGFIELD, SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Rev. Gerald Smelser of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission ministered here on Sunday morning, January 8th. We held a "Day Of Prayer" on January 14th. We continue to wait on the Lord to lead us to the one He would have to be our new pastor. Missionaries Barbara and Philip Klumpp (ABWE-Philippines) were with us for our "Special Missions Emphasis" Sunday-Jan. 22.

**STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We appreciated the ministry of Rev. William Russell, Administrator at Skyview Ranch. He was here February 19th for the whole day. The Lord willing we hope to have "GROUND-BREAKING" some time during the month of March. We praise the Lord for His blessing on our work!

**TOLEDO, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We held our Eleventh Annual Missionary Conference February 19-22. Guest missionary speakers included-Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, Rev. Samuel Hornbrook, Rev. Romyne Strickland and Rev. Don Teachout.

**TOLEDO, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We were blessed through the ministry of Dr. Wilbert Welch, President of Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College. Also, Mr. Henry Phillips of Cedarville College presented a "Will Clinic" during our Training Hour on Sunday, January 15. We had a "Teen Winter Banquet" February 18.

**TOLEDO, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
It was good having Missionary Norm Nicklas (ABWE-Brazil) speak to us in January at one of our evening services. Also, Brother Don Teachout (BMM-Africa) ministered here in February. Rev. Don Worch from Baptist Childrens Home will be holding a FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE here April 9 through 12.

**VAN WERT, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
At Christmas time we had a program entitled "Stan's Christmas Window". It featured slides, chalk talk, and felt presentation. This was accompanied with special music. Rev. and Mrs. Randall Caldwell, our new pastor and his wife, were honored at a "Reception and Food Shower" following the morning service on Dec. 4.

**VIENNA BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We are looking forward to a time of blessing during our NEW LIFE CRUSADE. This will be April 23 through 28. Guest speaker at this time will be Dr. Fred Hussey.

**WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
On Sunday, January 1st, Rev. Paul C. Bowser was our guest speaker. Also, on the 15th of January we sat under the ministry of Rev. Norman Wheeler. We continue to look to the Lord for His man in the choosing of a new pastor.

**WESTLAKE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Brother Bill Atkins from the Cleveland Hebrew Mission was guest speaker for January 29. In February we had Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Loon (BMM-Alaska) tell of their call to the field of Alaska. We will be having a Sunday School Conference here on April 21st and our Annual Missionary Conference will be held May 19, 20 and 21.

**WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
We were led in evangelistic meetings by Evangelist Denny Walters. This was February 12 through 17.

**XENIA, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—**  
Pastor and Mrs. Wheeler and their lovely children have been with us for five years. February 19 marked the date of their fifth anniversary. In grace, the Lord has blessed through Pastor Wheeler's ministry. We look forward to continued blessing and growth in the days ahead.

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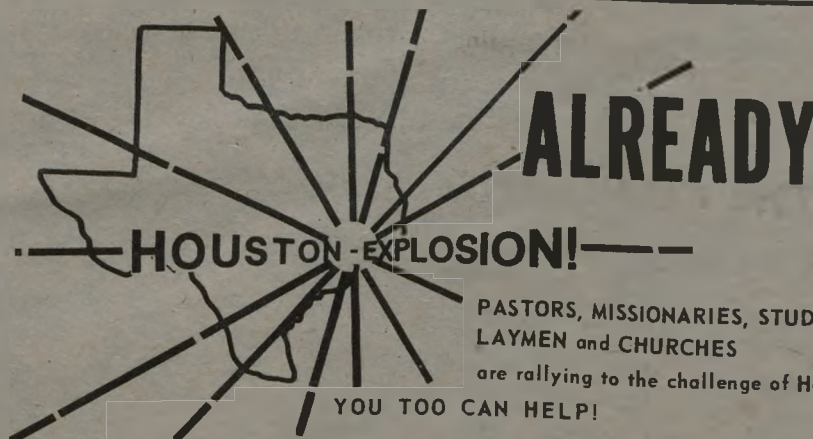
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Evangelical Baptist Missions of Kokomo, Indiana, hosted 41 MKs and their guests, a total of 57, at a get-together on December 27th through January 1st.

Hugs and kisses were the order of the day as former dormitory friends or playmates from annual foreign field conferences met at the EBM headquarters located on U. S. Highway 31, four miles south of Kokomo.

From the Mission headquarters the group drove to the Deer Creek Baptist Camp where the Bible Baptist Church of Kokomo has a beautiful camp lodge nestled in the woods, heated, carpeted dorms, and a big family room with fireplace.

Tuesday evening, the 27th, "ohs" and "ahs", cheers and smiles, went up as the General Director, David Marshall, on behalf of the Mission, presented each one with an EBM sweatshirt.

A program of physical fun, ping pong and game time at the lodge, volleyball and basketball, at a local high school gym; . . . mental stimulation, photo seminar with EBM's Harvest Productions' producer, Don Ross; . . . spiritual development with messages from Rev. Joseph Stowell, III, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, and EBM Advisory Board member, and Rev. J. O. Purcell, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, Romeoville, Illinois, and EBM Board member - Of course, one cannot overlook the culinary delights of roast beef dinner, ham, lasagna, etc.

As you look at this picture of happy faces, you cannot help but visualize the potential that is there for Christ. These are today's missionaries, pastors, teachers, housewives, mothers, fathers, factory workers, and so on. We often get "the bad picture of MKs (missionaries kids)". EBM praises the Lord for each one of their MKs, and seeks to back them with their prayers and all the spiritual and physical help that they can give.

### "But God. . ."

Recently we received word (indirectly) from Dr. William Fusco telling us that his dear wife, Lorene is gradually improving in health! The healing process is slow, however, progress is being made! Praise the Lord!!

In grace, she is now able to do things which it was thought she would never be able to do again. For example, she can now touch her face with her right hand. With some help in maintaining her balance, she is able to take a few small steps. While standing, she can lift her right foot three inches from the floor. Her limited strength permits her to do this only a few minutes a day but she is getting stronger steadily.

Some might say the progress is so slow. We remind you that this is the dear sister who was totally and completely paralyzed. This is the one of whom the doctors said she would never be able to move any part of her body again. "BUT GOD. . ." What wonderful words are these! Let us continue in prayer. Our God is able to give full and complete recovery.

Your editor remembers concerning his own wife, how that years ago, her health was completely gone. The doctors said she could not possibly live more than a few hours at the most... "BUT GOD"! Today, in answer to prayer and the goodness of our God, she is well and strong, and active in the work of the Lord. Our God can do the same for Lorene Fusco. We wait on Him! PRAY!!!

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## Have You Heard About T.E.L.L. Ministries?



**Editor's Note:** God, in grace, is using Rev. Irvin Johnson in a most wonderful way through TELL MINISTRIES.

Our brother is a very dear friend of your editor. It was our privilege to hold several meetings in his church at Anderson, Indiana and again when he served as Minister of Visitation in the First Baptist Church of North Tonawanda, New York.

As a pastor, the Lord burdened his heart about getting the people in his churches active in the field of personal evangelism. He has made an intense study along these lines. He applied the principles learned in the North Tonawanda church and they proved most successful. His program of reaching the lost through "Lay Leaders" is still being carried on by the church there.

More and more he became burdened to see this same plan used in other of our GARBC churches - thus - TELL MINISTRIES came into being. God is blessing this work. He is willing to minister in churches through the preaching of the Word, the training of lay leaders and also in the ministry of music. God has endowed Brother Johnson with a beautiful voice. His singing - his preaching - his training of your lay folk WOULD PROVE A BLESSING TO YOUR PEOPLE AND YOUR WORK. We highly recommend him to our churches - large and small. How I wish I had had something like this when I served as a pastor!

### WHAT IS "TELL?"

TELL (Training Evangelistic Lay Leaders) is a ministry the Lord has raised up through Pastor Irvin Johnson, former Minister of Evangelism of First Baptist Church in North Tonawanda, New York and, for 26 years prior to that, Pastor of Baptist Churches in New York, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

This ministry is accomplished through eight-day seminars in Baptist Churches across America where there are Pastors and people with a burden for the lost of their communities and, yet, feel the frustrations of how to best meet this need.

Pastor Johnson has authored a 115 page manual that deals with the subject of personal evangelism and a follow-up program to provide not only for the birth of the child of God, but also spiritual nourishment through the milk of the Word to see that new converts are brought into the waters of baptism and membership of the local church where they can continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our wonderful Lord.

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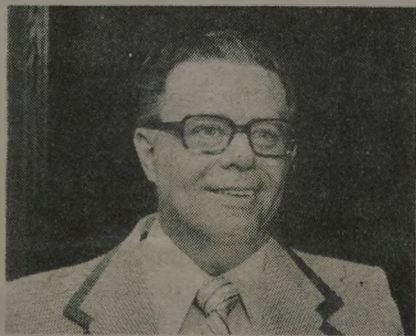
16 week period. This enables the church to have as many as 18 in their calling program the second week after the seminar and thus, the training of soul-winners and the discipling of believers continues and multiplies.

"Tell Ministries" has also produced other valuable material to be used in the calling program of your church. There are six follow-up booklets that go along with the lessons taught to the new convert. These are titled, "A New Life," "A New Guest," "A New Privilege," "A New Conduct," "A New Opportunity," and "A New Responsibility."

Other available material includes calling assignment cards, follow-up assignment cards, spiritual birth certificates and plastic calling packets.

When a seminar is held, a supply of all materials available is left with the church so that the work of personal evangelism and discipleship might continue.

The tremendous value of the "Tell" training is that it is accomplished right in your church. The entire church catches the spirit of evangelism, the souls that are saved during the seminar remain for your church to follow up and are potential church members.



Rev. Irvin Johnson

Rev. Johnson is available for "Tell" seminars on the expenses plus offering basis. His love for the fellowship of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches has caused him to place top priority to the churches of our fellowship. He feels that concerned pastors and churches have had to go outside of our fellowship for too long for this kind of training. On the cover of the "Tell" manual are these words - "A Program of Personal Evangelism for use in Baptist Churches and Others of Like Precious Faith."

The "Tell" material will not be available to churches where the charismatic is present, where there is affiliation in any way with the National Council or the World Council of Churches, and also where the security of believers is not believed.

"Tell Ministries" is under the direction of a Board of Advisors made up of pastors and laymen, all members of GARBC Churches. Rev. Johnson is a member of the

## Special!!

The following two men - Dr. Arthur F. Williams, retired Head of Bible Department - Cedarville College, and Rev. Ernest Olsen, veteran missionary to Peru (N.B.W.E.) are presently in the Greene Memorial Hospital, Xenia, Ohio 45385. Prayer is requested for these men. Why not send them a card?

Sun Coast Baptist Church of New Port Richey where Rev. John Polson is Pastor and member of the "Tell" Board.

For additional information or to schedule a "Tell" seminar, you may write:

TELL MINISTRIES

Rev. Irvin Johnson

112 Citrus Drive

New Port Richey, Fla. 33552

or call- (813) 848-2844

"Tell Ministries" is a Baptist ministry for Baptist Churches and is designed to meet the greatest need in most of our churches - Training Evangelistic Lay Leaders.

The following testimonies will reveal something of the blessing this ministry is having in our schools and in our churches:

Dr. Wayne Knife of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. said recently upon ordering 300 copies of the "Tell" manual, "I want our young people to live with this book for the next four years." He was speaking of the freshman class which is being introduced to personal evangelism through several sources, but one of them is the "Tell" (Tell Evangelistic Lay Leaders) Manual written and published by Irvin F. Johnson, founder and director of "Tell Ministries."

Mr. Jerry Margeson, Sunday School Superintendent of the Breesport Baptist Church, Breesport, New York, wrote in a recent letter - "Thank you for 'Tell'. It has to be one of the best ministries the Lord has brought to our church in its 110 year old history. In January, the six trainees will become teachers; there have been others saved since your visit last October."

One of the ladies from Grace Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska sent this note - "Without writing a book, I praise God for 'Tell'. Like those we visited, the Lord had prepared my heart in advance. This has been a new commitment for me and I know now I can never turn my back on witnessing for the Lord. It frightens me and thrills me. Please pray for me."

These are typical responses being registered in every "Tell" seminar.

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## Winners At Volleyball Meet

The South Madison Bible Baptist Church (Rev. Bernie Smith, Pastor) was represented by 48 young people at the Volleyball Marathon sponsored by the "Word of Life".

It was held February 4 at Tallmadge Central Jr. High School. There were about eight other churches competing. Three individual trophies were won. Tammy Baxter won a trophy for Sportsmanship for the Jr. High girls, Debbie Tinner won a trophy as the Most Valuable Player for the Senior High girls and Mrs. Vivien Tinner won a trophy for "Coach of the Day".

The area representative of Word of Life, Mr. Bill Sharratt, visited our church (Youth Group) on January 8th. He also preached in our church on February 12.

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## Cedarville Professor Granted Sabbatical Leave

During the most recent gathering of the trustees of Cedarville College, a decision was made to grant a one-year leave of absence to Professor James Grier to pursue his Doctorate in Theology.

A nine-year member of the Bible Department, his present teaching responsibilities include all Philosophy courses, Ethics, Logic, and Religion and Culture. He has submitted an application to Grace Theological Seminary, where he plans to complete the requirements for a Th.D. degree. He also hopes to be teaching one course per semester at the graduate level.

In spite of the hectic schedule, he plans to commute back to Cedarville from Winona Lake, Indiana every weekend to spend time with his wife Shirley and son Kevin, a Cedarville College junior. Born and raised in New York City, Brother Grier is the son of Scottish immigrant parents. His father, an evangelist in Scotland, pastored a church in New York for 46 years and is still active in writing and other ministries.

Upon graduation from high school in 1950, he was awarded a four-year scholarship to Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, where he studied electrical engineering for one year. His father, however, had different aspirations for his son, convincing him to spend at least one year at a Bible College. He decided to attend Baptist Bible Seminary at Johnston City, New York, where he graduated five years later with a Bachelors Degree in Theology. From there, he went to Grace Seminary, earned a Masters in Divinity; then received a Masters in Theology from Westminster Theological Seminary, made possible through a James H. Montgomery Scholarship.

The following nine years were spent in pastorates at North Adams and Detroit, Michigan. After coming to Cedarville in 1969, he has continued to hold interim pastorates as well as accepting numerous speaking engagements.

With the soon realization of his basic academic, pastoral and teaching goals, he would like to branch out into writing. He plans to someday put much of his teaching and preaching material into print.

Professor Grier firmly believes that a thorough education is of utmost importance. Much of his training is in the area of apologetics (the defense of the Christian

## Cedarville College News

### MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Recently at Cedarville the students were given a new challenge in missions. The theme of the Missionary Conference this year was "The Open Door at Home." The guest speakers presented various missionary projects here in the United States, inviting students to consider these types of ministries. "A good mission program at home to insure better missionary programs abroad," was also stressed.

Home missionaries invited to speak were Rev. Dave Buhman, in church planting at Milton, Vt., and Rev. Starlon Washington, in church planting among Blacks at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Representing individual mission boards were Rev. A. B. Cunningham, president of HBM, and Rev. Austin Plew, president of FBHM.

Many students appreciated both the new slant on missions and the emphasis on the need for spiritual growth in the United States. Encouraging the students to become involved now, the speakers challenged them to consider their participation in present ministries as well as plan for future service.

One highlight of the missionary conference week was Day of Prayer on Wednesday. Classes were cancelled and the college faculty, staff, and students met in sessions for prayer, praise, and testimony. This day was declared "Hunger Day" by Student Senate. Voluntarily sacrificing breakfast and lunch, participating students voted to donate the \$1,086 saved to a BMM project with the Hopi-Navajo Indians. A communications system will be purchased for missionaries Connie Endicott, a Cedarville alumnus, and Joan Oakland, her co-worker.

faith) which involves the study of Philosophy and related areas. An avid reader, he covers around 150 books per year to keep abreast of developments in his field, Christianity, and the world in general. He is very conscious of the great responsibility given to teachers to teach the truth.

After this leave of absence, he plans to return to Cedarville College and resume his teaching responsibilities with even greater effectiveness.

... taken from *Whispering Cedars*  
Cedarville College

## Establishing Bible Believing Baptist Churches



Active missionaries and a growing church!

The life of home missionary Merwin Burman, now ministering in establishing the Victory Baptist Church in Marysville, Kansas, is a full one. Not only has he been busy in the normal pastoral duties in the church, but has been laboring erecting signs along major highways, building needed sections onto the church edifice and conducting a door to door visitation program in the immediate town as well as two neighboring communities. Along with this he has been conducting mid-week services in Blue Rapids for a church which has been without a pastor. He is encouraging the church also in its own missionary program as several missionaries have been called to share their burden with his people. In the summer God blessed the V.B.S. program with an attendance of 55 and 10 professions of faith in Christ. Young people from the church attended all three of the Midwest Baptist camps of Kansas, where he also served as counselor.

The Lord has honored the work financially too, as bills are being met and the church family is growing together in grace and fellowship. As Merwin and his wife Jean serve here, their prayer is that God will give them new families to strengthen His testimony in that place and that Satan's attempts to hinder the work will be defeated.

Submitted by David C. Dunkin  
Promotional Director

### VARSITY "C" TOURNAMENT

The Varsity "C" Tournament, sponsored by the college Varsity "C" Club for church senior high basketball teams, was held the first weekend in March. Out of seventy-five invitations sent to churches in surrounding states, the first sixteen teams to reply were accepted. Each church was requested to bring its youth group along with twelve players.

The supporting high school students of the selected church teams were asked to join them for devotions and special meetings Friday evening. In addition, the representative fans helped support their

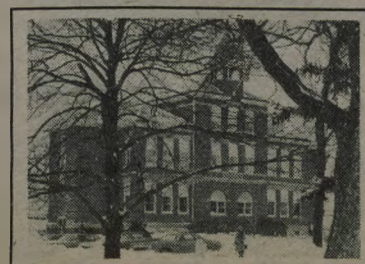
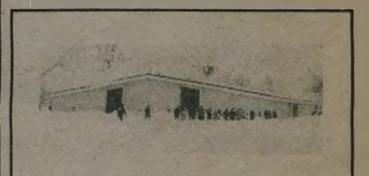
teams during the double elimination competition. The most valuable player as well as individual winning teams were awarded with trophies.

The purpose for the tournament was to encourage Christian athletes to enjoy physical activity and competition in a Christ-centered atmosphere. An athlete's role as a servant of Christ was emphasized throughout the two days of events. Also, the weekend was a beneficial time for students who are looking for a college to visit Cedarville and experience campus activities.

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# Talents For Christ - '78

Your Ohio State Youth Committee of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches informs us that this year's TALENTS FOR CHRIST competition will be held at Cedarville College on April 8th. All competitors should be at the college by 1:00 p.m. The entire testing will be done at Alford Hall.

The following letter was sent to the pastors of our OARBC fellowship. We repeat it here - as a reminder. We suggest you read it carefully.

Dear Pastor,

Greetings from the State Youth Committee. This is your packet containing the information concerning the All-Ohio only categories for the Talents for Christ to be held on April 8th at Cedarville College at 1:00 p.m. at Alford Hall.

Your church should have received already the rules from the national headquarters in Chicago concerning their categories and specifications. This packet which you have received today contains information for the OHIO-ONLY categories with registration cards. The purpose of this packet is to encourage more of your young people to become involved in areas not covered by the National competition. The categories listed therefore in this packet are not recognized on the national level.

The registration fee is \$3.00 and they are due no later than March 29th. The sooner the registration fee comes in to the hands of the State Youth Committee the better for the contestants. We would encourage you as Pastors or Youth Pastors or sponsors to urge them to send them in early as possible. SEND ALL REGISTRATIONS to: Dan Cecil; Calvary Baptist Church; 2000 Broad Ave.; Findlay, Ohio 45840. The Journalism-entrees should be sent with the registration fee, which is also due by March 29th. If entering a national category, you should send a registration to them (no fee) and one to Dan Cecil along with the \$3.00 for the State competition.

The success of this Talents for Christ contest rests in your hands, fellow-pastor. Please encourage your young people in the God-given abilities and gifts that can be used in His service.

Sincerely in Christ,  
STATE YOUTH COMMITTEE

## ELIGIBILITY

CONTESTANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE SAME GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES AS TO ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS PUBLISHED ANNUALLY IN THE G.A.R.B.C. NATIONAL TALENTS FOR CHRIST CONTEST PUBLICATION. AS MANY ENTRANTS AS DESIRE FROM ONE CHURCH MAY ENTER THE CONTEST. CONTESTANTS MAY ENTER ONLY ONE CATEGORY EACH YEAR.

## MARCH 29TH DEADLINE FOR MATERIALS SUBMITTED

MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED AHEAD OF TIME TO THE STATE YOUTH COMMITTEE IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES MUST BE SENT TO: PASTOR LARRY D. ENGLE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, 5612 W. BANCROFT, TOLEDO, OHIO 43615 CATEGORIES: CREATIVE YOUTH ACTIVITY PLANNING; STORYTELLING; AND YOUTH PROGRAM CONTEST. (THE PUBLICITY MATERIAL MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE CONTEST ON APRIL 8TH) ALL MATERIALS SUBMITTED WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE YOUTH COMMITTEE.

## PRIZES

1. FIRST PRIZE: A SCHOLARSHIP TO ANY OF THE THREE OHIO STATE BAPTIST YOUTH CAMPS OR A SCHOLARSHIP TO A TEENS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT ANY OF OUR APPROVED BAPTIST COLLEGES. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. VALUE OF REWARD: \$45 - \$55.00.
2. ALL ENTRIES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:  
FIRST PLACE: TROPHY  
SECOND AND THIRD PLACE: RIBBONS.

## CREATIVE YOUTH ACTIVITY PLANNING

### PREPARATION...

1. EACH CONTESTANT MUST SUBMIT HIS/HER MATERIAL IN TYPE WRITTEN FORM NO LATER THAN MARCH 29th, 1978.
2. EACH CONTESTANT IS TO PLAN A WEEKDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING SOCIAL ACTIVITY OR CHRISTIAN SERVICE ACTIVITY FOR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH.
3. GIVE YOUR ACTIVITY A THEME AND DEVOTIONAL IDEAS.
4. OUTLINE THE OBJECTIVES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SPECIAL ACTIVITY.
5. LIST IN YOUR MATERIAL ALL MATERIALS, DECORATIONS, ETC. TO BE USED IN THE ACTIVITY.

### JUDGING...

1. JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON ORIGINALITY AND PRACTICALITY.
2. CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN THAT ACTIVITIES ARE NOT IN ANY WAY REPRODUCTIONS OF PUBLISHED ACTIVITIES NOW ON THE MARKET.. ANY DUPLICATION SMALL OR LARGE SHALL DISQUALIFY THE ENTRY.
3. ALL ENTRIES SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE YOUTH COMMITTEE.

## GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE CONTEST

QUESTIONS. . . THE CONTEST QUESTIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE ENTIRE BIBLE. THE TEST WILL BE WRITTEN, COMPOSED OF 150 QUESTIONS FROM THE KING JAMES VERSION.

ALL TEST QUESTIONS WILL BE IDENTICAL FOR EACH OF THE CONTESTANTS. THEY WILL BE MULTIPLE CHOICE, TRUE-FALSE AND MATCHING. EACH CONTESTANT WILL BE GIVEN ONE HOUR TO COMPLETE THE EXAMINATION. THE CONTESTANT WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE WILL BE DECLARED THE WINNER. IN CASE OF TIE, ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A WINNER IS DECLARED. SHORT ANSWER OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS WILL BE USED AS ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS IN CASE OF A TIE.

## PUBLICITY CONTEST

### INFORMATION

1. Using materials provided by the contestant, design a poster publicizing the State Youth Rally to be held in the same year.
  - A. Posters must be one or two color design and clearly give all information as listed under DIRECTIONS.
  - B. Poster Size must be "14 x 22" and on poster board.
2. Using the idea of the rally theme, produce a one or two color design or symbol to be printed on T-shirt, in quantity, to be sold at the State Youth Rally.

### DIRECTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED BY CONTESTANT:

1. The following information is required on the Poster: DATE: May 20, 1978. TIME: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.; PLACE: Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, 300 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio; SPEAKER: Rev. William Fusco, Western Representative for Baptist Mid-Missions; THEME: TEENS: MISSION IMPOSSIBLE? COST: \$3.00 pre-registration. \$3.50 at the door. SEND all pre-registrations to: Mr. Dan Cecil, Calvary Baptist Church, 2000 Broad Ave., Findlay, Ohio 43840 no later than May 10th. SPECIALS: Heart-thrilling music by Rev. and Mrs. Jemon Alparaque; Talents for Christ State Winners; News from our Camps; Life-challenging Christian films.
2. Posters and designs must be brought to the State Talents for Christ Talents. It is advisable, but not required, that the contestant accompany his/her entry.

### JUDGING

1. Judging will take place at the State Contest. An 'advisory ballot' will be taken at the contest from all attending. Final decision will be made by judges, taking advisory ballot into consideration.
2. All entries become the property of the Ohio Youth Committee.

## STORY TELLING

### PREPARATION...

1. EACH CONTESTANT MUST SUBMIT BY MARCH 29th AN OUTLINE OF THE STORY HE/SHE WILL TELL WITH REFERENCES (SCRIPTURE) BEING USED.
2. THE CONTESTANT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GET HELP FROM OTHERS AS TO STORY IDEAS.
3. DESIGN THE STORY AND APPLICATION TO A CERTAIN AGE SUCH AS PRIMARY, JUNIOR, JR. HIGH, ETC.

### JUDGING...

1. THE JUDGES WILL LOOK FOR THE CONTESTANT'S ABILITY TO HOLD THE ATTENTION OF HIS/HER AUDIENCE.
2. THEY WILL LOOK FOR CORRECT INTERPRETATION WITHIN CONTEXT OF THE PASSAGE.
3. THEY WILL JUDGE THE CONTESTANT ON HIS/HER ABILITY TO APPLY THE STORY TO EVERY DAY AND REAL LIFE SITUATIONS.
4. THEY WILL BE JUDGED ON USING VISUALS. (SUCH AS FLANNELGRAPH, CHALK TALKS, PUPPETS, VENTRILOQUIST, OBJECT LESSONS, ETC.)

## YOUTH PROGRAM CONTEST

### CONTESTANT WILL:

PROVIDE A DETAILED PLAN FOR A ONE HOUR INSPIRATIONAL PROGRAM DESIGNED TO BE USED IN A SUNDAY EVENING TYPE YOUTH GROUP MEETING.

- A. THE THEME OF THE MEETING AND HOW IT'S CARRIED THROUGH THE PROGRAM WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE CONTESTANT.
- B. PUBLICITY IDEAS, VISUALS AND/OR PROPS SHOULD BE DESCRIBED SUFFICIENTLY SO AS TO BE EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY THE JUDGES.

### DIRECTIONS:

- A. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 29th, 1978 TO QUALIFY FOR WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE STATE TALENTS FOR CHRIST CONTEST.
- B. ALL ENTRIES BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE YOUTH RALLY.
- C. JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON ORIGINALITY, EFFICIENT USE OF TIME, ACCOMPLISHING STATED OBJECTIVES.
- D. CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN THAT PROGRAMS ENTERED SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY BE REPRODUCTIONS OF PUBLISHED PROGRAMS NOW ON THE MARKET. ANY SUCH DUPLICATION SMALL OR LARGE, SHALL DISQUALIFY THE ENTRY.

The following registration form should be filled in and mailed to Brother Dan Cecil as early as is possible. Remember the dead-line date is March 29. Take care of this - TODAY!

ENTRY FORM FOUND ON PAGE 11



## The Steps Of A Good Man Are Ordered...

The fall of 1977 brought to the campus of Baptist Bible School of Theology a Christian family from Rhodesia with a thrilling account of how the Lord worked to bring them to Clarks Summit.

When Bruce and Diana Charsley received an unexpected percentage of profit from the South African firm where Bruce worked, they took steps to visit Perth, Australia, where Diana's parents live. The whole area was exciting, but as they prayed about the matter their steps began to falter. Could it be that the Lord had another plan for them? It certainly could!



Bruce and Diana Charsley share the word with Lynnette, 9, and Catherine, 7.

As the Charsleys waited for the Lord's leading they discovered the truth of Psalm 37:23 that the steps (and the stops) of a good man are ordered of the Lord. God was leading them into fulltime Christian service instead of a vacation. After prayerful consideration Bruce resigned his partnership in the Rhodesian firm, where he was comfortably at the top of his profession. He also resigned as deacon and Sunday school superintendent in his church and stepped out to follow the Lord's direction toward further schooling. Through an American pastor's counsel he began to consider graduate study in the United States.

The young couple turned the matter over to the Lord. To study in the States would require miracles. They didn't know where to apply for training; they would need a sponsor; they would have to sell their house in Rhodesia; arrangements had to be made to take money out of the country; business affairs must be completed, visas obtained—so many details to be

cared for in about two months. Step by step the Lord ordered affairs for the Charsleys even to the selling of their house and furniture without financial loss.

The only curriculum that appealed to Bruce was offered at Baptist Bible School of Theology in someplace called Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, so he applied and was accepted. The Rhodesian Exchange Control ruled that their funds could be released. Each step led closer to their goal UNTIL Bruce was called into the army for six weeks of military duty! Was this another of the Lord's stops? The tour of duty was reduced to four weeks and flights via London to the United States were booked for the four Charsleys.

With just two weeks left before departure from their homeland, their visas were lacking. The American Consulate was adamant—there would be no visas for entry into the U.S. Convinced that all things are possible with God, Bruce and Diana continued packing, saying farewells, and trusting the Lord to overrule.



## Lead, Kindly Light

A composer dodges London traffic to write a melody

The Rev. John Bacchus Dykes could compose a melody in a thunder storm. Of the 300 hymn-tunes to his credit many were written in crowded railway stations and on trains. It is said that he wrote some of his best compositions in the pulpit while waiting to deliver his sermons. So neither the rumbling carriages nor clattering hordes of shoppers interrupted his thoughts as he hurried along the streets of London.

Composer Dykes was running through his mind a poem he had read in an old March, 1834, issue of "The British Magazine." The lines were under the title "Faith—Heavenly Leadings" and had been written in June, 1831, by a disturbed Protestant minister named John Henry Newman. Newman had vigorously criticized the Roman church. Then he pondered leaving the Protestant faith for the church he had denounced. By the time he was 30 the indecision had shattered his health and he took a trip to Italy for rest.

Homesick, stricken with fever and depressed, Newman waited three weeks for a return boat to his native England. When he finally got passage his ship stopped in the Mediterranean. The sails hung limp on the masts and not a breeze stirred for a week. With the prospect of starving at sea, added to his illness and confused mind, Newman wrote his prayer poem. He had no thought of its ever being used as a hymn. Two weeks later the ship docked. Twelve years later Newman made up his mind. He went to the Roman church.

By the time John Bacchus Dykes reached his study that August day in 1865, the tune to an immortal hymn had been born. And Cardinal John Henry Newman always insisted that it was the tune Dykes composed while walking through the busiest section of London that made popular his words.

Lead, kindly light amid th' encircling gloom,  
Lead Thou me on!  
The night is dark, and I am far from home;  
Lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet;  
I do not ask to see  
The distant scene;  
One step enough for me..

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou  
Shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
Lead Thou me on!

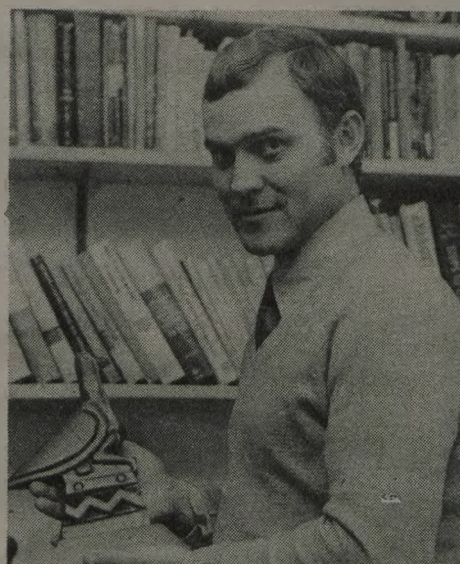
I loved the garish day,  
And, spite of fears,  
Pride ruled my will,  
Remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me sure it still  
Will lead me on  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone.

And with the morn  
Those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since,  
And lost a while.



Diana works part-time in the School of Theology office with Director John Millheim.



Bruce showing the photographer his Zimbabwe Bird, awarded him by the President of Rhodesia in July 1976 when he was chosen the most outstanding young person in his country.

marvelled when the Lord delivered those documents. Papers in hand and four days to go. Nothing could stop them now!! Then came the news of the strike at Heathrow Airport, London, and the cancellation or rerouting of many international flights. What to do?

In Bruce's own words, "We had trusted God this far, we continued to do so. Needless to say, we left as scheduled on Monday, August 29, amidst uncertainty of continuing strikes. The Lord worked it out perfectly so that we got on the only flight going to Boston that week."

Bruce and Diana and their girls, Lynnette, 9, and Catherine, 7, have settled into their new surroundings remarkably well though they find our winters quite different from their weather in Rhodesia. The girls are enrolled in schools and making friends rapidly; Diana works part-time in the School of Theology office and Bruce is hitting the books preparing to serve the Lord.

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## Report On Ministry At Ohio State Fair

*Editor's Note: The following was sent us by Rev. John Boughman (Baptist Mid-Missions Home Missionary). In printing it in the pages of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, it is as a report to the churches of our Association. It is also hoped that it might create an interest concerning the forthcoming Ohio State Fair of '78.*

*The West Moriah churches supported the Ohio State Fair ministry in '77. All costs were completely covered. These churches have already received their report and appreciation was expressed to them for their financial and prayerful assistance.*

We considered it an opportunity to come face to face with thousands of people who might not ever darken the doors of our churches. It was a unique opportunity to bring them face to face with their need of Jesus Christ. We did face many people. Something like 2.7 million passed through the gates at the Fair during August 16 through 28.

By way of response in '77 we had thousands stop and look at the box that answered the question - "Where Are The Dead?" (They are on their way to Heaven or Hell). Over 100 sat down with our personal workers and listened to the Gospel and accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour. We thank God for this response.

As we look forward to '78, we are again expecting the blessings of God. Baptist Mid-Missions is planning a joint effort to reach both Jews and Gentiles. As yet we have not worked out the details. If you have any suggestions - please let me know.

This testimony cost money and we are therefore asking churches and individuals in our Association to help so that we might continue with this Ohio State Fair ministry. Rental of the exhibit space was \$1,040, plus tracts, literature, follow-up materials, and the like. Then, too, there was the cost of setting up an attractive exhibit. The total cost last year was approximately \$1,500. All financial help should be sent directly to Baptist Mid-Missions, 4205 Chester Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103. Gifts should be designated - "Ohio State Fair Ministry".

I have slides of last year's ministry and would be glad to visit churches in our Association that might be interested in seeing them. I would also be happy to tell your people concerning this work. If you are interested, you can reach me by writing - Rev. John Baughman, 9 Johnson Road, The Plains, Ohio - 45780 or phone - (614) 797-4889.

## Reaching Filipino Youth For The Lord

For many years the missionaries in the Philippines serving under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism have found that a very effective method of reaching youth is in the establishing of "student centers". Usually these are located near a local high school or college because the students are eager for a place to visit off-campus. These "centers" always have a well-stocked library, games, and Bible studies which are well received.

In Puerto Princessa, Island of Palawan, the "student center" has been most successful. Hundreds of fine Filipino young people have been attracted to it and as a result a large number have been led to Christ.

Missionary Miss Laura Kasten, now working in Baguio, northern part of the Island of Luzon, reports that recently nine high school and college young people were saved. She writes, "Oliver has been attending the ABWE "student center" for seven years. He

was a very quiet person and was hardly noticed as he came and went. Then, one day, he asked for a time of counseling. It was during this time that he turned his life over to the Lord Jesus Christ. He then began attending the Baguio Baptist Church. The boys in the church welcomed him with open arms. I wonder how many of the other 'Olivers' there are in Baguio?"

Miss Edith Smith, also an ABWE missionary, has written telling of the blessing in the "student center" in Laog City, Northern Luzon. One month they had 2400 students in the "center" and another month the number reached 2700. Some of these attended many times each month. Every day there are two Bible classes and each student is given a gospel tract.

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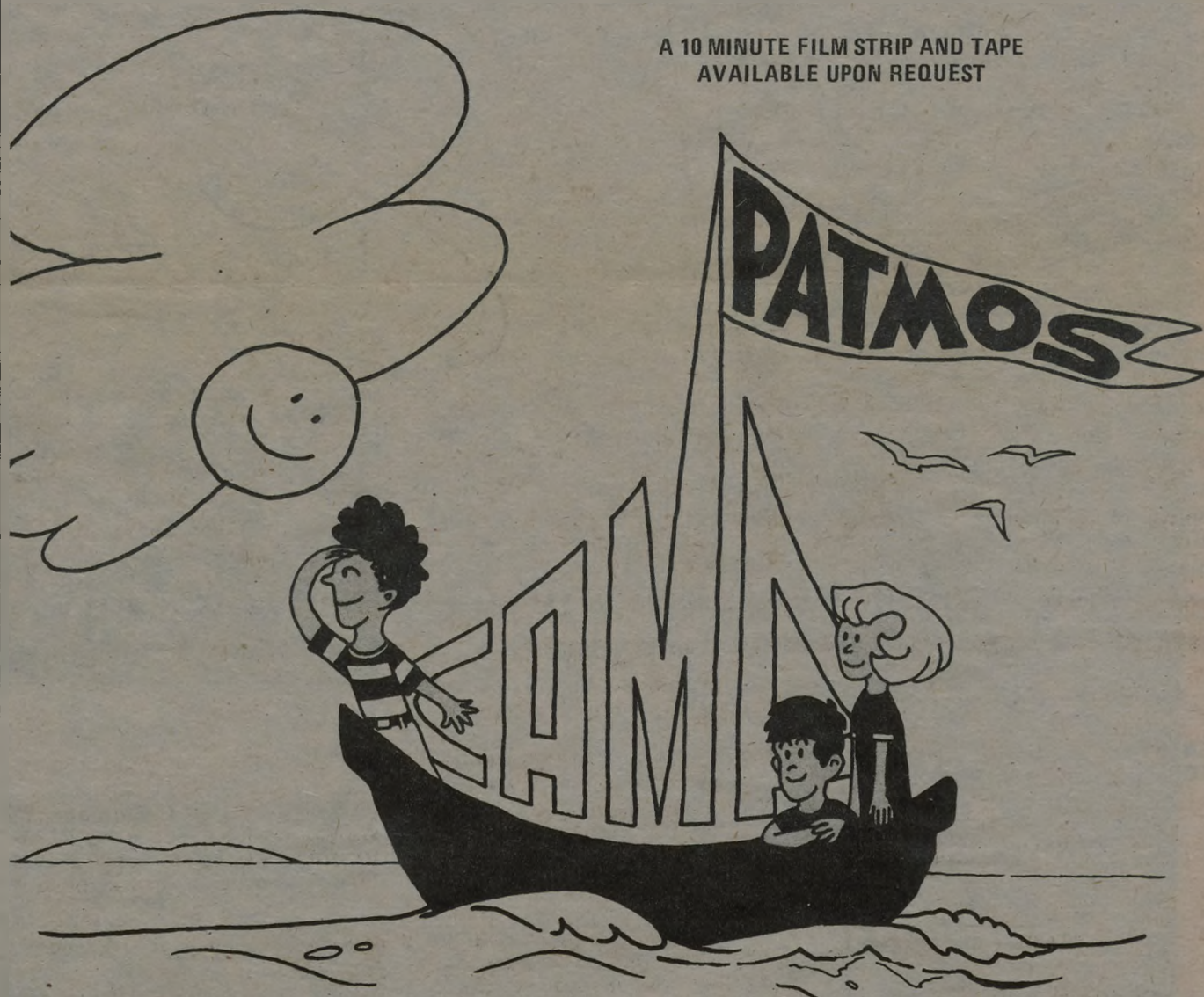
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